

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2401

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 66202 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2401, as introduced, Block. Public postsecondary education: admissions policy.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, provides for a public postsecondary education system in this state. This system consists of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. Among other things, the Donahoe Higher Education Act sets forth legislative intent with respect to enrollment planning and admission priority practice at the undergraduate resident student level for the California State University and the University of California.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature, subject to existing admission priority practices, that the California State University provide applicants residing in the local service area, as defined, priority admission to the applicant's local California State University campus over other California residents or out-of-state applicants entering as first-time freshmen or sophomores, provided they meet relevant admissions criteria.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 66202 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66202. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the following categories be followed, insofar as practicable in the following numerical order, for the purpose of enrollment planning and admission priority practice at the undergraduate resident student level for the California State University and the University of California:

(1) Continuing undergraduate students in good standing.

(2) California Community College transfer students who have successfully concluded a course of study in an approved transfer agreement program.

(3) (A) Other California Community College students who have met all of the requirements for transfer.

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(B) As stated in legislative findings, the transfer function plays a key role in meeting the state's goals of educational equity. Therefore, the Board of Regents of the University of California and the Board of Trustees of the California State University shall declare as policy for this ~~paragraph~~ *subparagraph* and paragraph (2) ~~of this subdivision~~ that students who are eligible to transfer and who are from historically underrepresented groups or economically disadvantaged families shall be given preference, to the fullest extent possible under state and federal law, statutes, and regulations, in transfer admissions decisions, and shall design policies in conformity with state and federal statutes and regulations intended to facilitate their success in achieving transfer.

(4) Other qualified transfer students.

(5) California residents entering at the freshman or sophomore levels.

(b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that within each of the preceding enrollment categories, the following groups of applicants receive priority consideration in admissions practice in the following order:

(1) Residents of California who are recently released veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

(2) Transfers from California public community colleges.

1 (3) Applicants who have been previously enrolled at the campus
2 to which they are applying, provided they left this institution in
3 good standing.

4 (4) Applicants who have a degree or credential objective that
5 is not generally offered at other public institutions of higher
6 learning within California.

7 (5) Applicants for whom the distance involved in attending
8 another institution would create financial or other hardships.

9 (c) It is further the intent of the Legislature that those veterans
10 referred to in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) who were enrolled
11 in good standing at a campus of the University of California or at
12 one of the California State Universities prior to military service
13 receive priority over other veterans recently released from military
14 service.

15 (d) (1) *It is further the intent of the Legislature that, within*
16 *each of the priority enrollment categories in subdivisions (a) to*
17 *(c), inclusive, the California State University provide applicants*
18 *who reside in the local service area of a campus with priority*
19 *admission to the applicant's local California State University*
20 *campus over other California residents or out-of-state applicants*
21 *entering as first-time freshmen or sophomores, provided they meet*
22 *relevant admissions criteria. An applicant who is provided priority*
23 *admission pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to any*
24 *additional admissions criteria resulting from impaction of a major*
25 *or campus.*

26 (2) *As used in this subdivision, "local service area" means the*
27 *CSU service area for the campus as set forth in the California*
28 *State University Coded Memorandum AA-2005-05, dated February*
29 *23, 2005.*